

Fact Sheet: IDANET Broadband Initiative



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IDANET is Idaho state government's **digital broadband** initiative to establish a single, consolidated high-speed statewide network for state business.

This multi-layered network consists of state-owned networking equipment, technical and management resources, and public service contracts (with public agency clauses) for commercial telecommunications services. This combination of public and commercial services facilitates the sharing of information, business applications and network resources. In addition to serving the network needs for state business, IDANET ultimately will provide enhanced rural broadband connectivity in support of **Governor Dirk Kempthorne's Rural Idaho Initiative**.

For the purposes of IDANET procurement, management, and network access, the State is divided into **six network management regions**. Procurement strategy was to acquire telecommunications services regionally. Procurement contracts have been put in place for all six network management regions and these contracts can be used by State agencies, higher education, K-12, local government, and other public entities (as defined in Idaho Code Section 67-2327).

A governance body, the IDANET **Steering Committee** made up of senior business staff from larger State agencies meets monthly to provide necessary oversight to manage the implementation and ongoing operations of IDANET.

The core IDANET backbone currently **transmits information** at a rate of 155 million bits per second which is capable of carrying over 2,000 voice conversations, over 350 compressed video conferences or about 7 high-definition television channels.

Under existing service contracts, **capacity** on the IDANET backbone can be **easily quadrupled**. Other agreements are also in place to acquire broadband services that can connect the backbone to counties in each of the six IDANET regions and customers to IDANET.

See: <http://www2.state.id.us/idanet/index.htm>

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